

### **Section One**

To develop your briefing paper, the candidate should create a resume of his or her qualifications and experiences. You can research past candidates to get some idea of personal qualifications. Also, you are encouraged to use your imagination. The resume should contain the following information:

- Candidate's name (This can be the name of the student or a made-up name.)
- Home state
- Current occupation
- Educational experience
- Past political experience
- Military record
- Marital status/children
- Past professional experience

### **Section Two**

The other campaign committee members will research the party's position on key issues.

1. Review the party's literature or Web site information and list the different issues the party addresses. (This can be found on the party's Web site, usually under links like "Issues," "Party Platform," "Principles," "Agenda," "Position Statements," or "Press Releases.")
2. Locate the three issues your class has agreed to present or select three issues you want to cover in your campaign and take notes on the fact-gathering questions below.
3. As you look through the party's literature and Web site, keep in mind some of the topics you have selected might be part of a larger topic. Example: education funding is part of education; homeland security or foreign relations is part of national security; and jobs and/or taxes are part of the economy.

### **Fact-Gathering Questions**

Answer the following for all issues you research:

1. Provide a brief description of the issue.
2. What is the position of your party on the issue?
3. How does the party's position on the issue relate to the general political philosophy of the party?
4. What does your party suggest be done to resolve the issue?